

UNITED STATES PLANT PATENT APPLICATION

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for

ROSE PLANT NAMED

'POULtw003'

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION

Rosa hybrid

VARIETY DENOMINATION

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'POULTw003'

The present invention constitutes a new and distinct variety of garden rose plant which originated from a controlled crossing between the female seed parent
10 'Meidomonac', described and illustrated in U.S. Plant Patent 5,105 issued September 20, 1983, and the male pollen parent, an un-named seedling. The two parents were crossed during the summer of 1991, and the resulting seeds were planted in a controlled environment in Fredensborg, Denmark. The new
15 variety is named 'POULTw003'.

The new variety may be distinguished from its female seed parent, 'Meidomonac' by the following combination of characteristics:

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1. The seed parent has flowers with more petals than flowers of 'POULTw003'.
2. While the seed parent has a flower diameter of about 60 mm; flowers of 'Poultw003' are smaller, approximately 45 mm.
3. 'Poultw003' is lighter in color than the seed parent.

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The new variety may be distinguished from its male pollen parent by the following combination of characteristics:

1. While the pollen parent has a general tonality Yellow-Orange Group 15A; the same of 'POULtw003' is Yellow Group 4D with intonations of Yellow-Orange Group 16C.
3. The pollen parent has 14 to 18 petals, while 'POULtw003' has 30 petals.

10 The objective of the hybridization of this rose variety was to create a new and distinct variety for garden use with unique qualities, such as:

1. Uniform and abundant near white flowers;
2. Vigorous, compact, and even growth when propagated on its own roots;
3. Exceptional disease resistance;
4. Continuous flowering;
5. Low growing habit;
6. Self cleaning flower petals.

15 20 This combination of qualities is not present in previously available commercial cultivars of this type, known to the inventors, and distinguish 'POULtw003' from all other varieties of which we are aware.

As part of their rose development program, L. Pernille Olesen and Mogens N. Olesen germinated the seeds from the

aforementioned hybridization during winter of 1992 and conducted evaluations on the resulting seedlings in a controlled environment in Fredensborg, Denmark.

'POULtw003' was selected in the spring of 1993 by the
5 inventors as a single plant from the progeny of the aforementioned hybridization.

Asexual reproduction of 'POULtw003' by traditional budding and rooted cuttings was first done by L. Pernille and Mogens N. Olesen in their nursery in Fredensborg,
10 Denmark in July, 1993. This initial and other subsequent asexual propagations conducted in controlled environments have demonstrated that the characteristics of 'POULtw003' are true to type and are transmitted from one generation to the next.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying color illustration shows as true as is reasonably possible to obtain in color photographs of this
20 type, the typical characteristics of the buds, flowers, leaves, and stems, of 'POULtw003'. Specifically illustrated in the drawing.

Fig 1.1; Open flower, and cluster of open
25 flowers stem showing open flower,

branching, and the attachment of leaves, buds, and peduncles;

Fig 1.2; Flower petals, detached;

Fig 1.3; Sepals, receptacle, pedicel and reproductive flower parts;

5 Fig 1.4; Mature leaf;

Fig 1.5; Juvenile stem and flower bud;

Fig 1.6; Bare stems.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

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The following is a description of 'POULtw003', as observed in its growth in in a field nursery in Jackson County, Oregon. Observed plants are 3 years of age, and were grown on *Rosa multiflora* understock. Color references are made using the Royal Horticultural Society (London, England) Colour Chart, 1995, except where common terms of color are used.

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For a comparison, several physical characteristics of the rose variety 'POULDiram', a rose variety from the same inventors described and illustrated in U.S. Plant Patent No. 12,568 and issued on 23 April 2002, are compared to 'POULtw003' in Chart 1.

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CHART 1

	'POULtw003'	'POULdiram'
Sepals, upper surface.	Yellow-Green Group 145C to Green Group 138A.	Yellow-Green Group 144B.
5 Receptacle color.	Green Group 143C.	Yellow-Green Group 144C.
Peduncle length.	16 to 19 mm average length.	25 to 40 mm average length.

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FLOWER AND FLOWER BUD

Blooming habit: Continuous.

Flower bud:

Size: Upon opening, 21 mm in
15 length from base of
receptacle to end of bud.

Bud diameter is 8 mm on
average.

Bud form: Pointed ovoid.

20 Bud color: As sepals unfold, petals are
Yellow-White Group 158A . At
% opening petals are Yellow-
White Group 158B.

Sepals:

25 Upper Surface:

Color: Yellow-Green Group 145C to
Green Group 138A.

Surface: Medium pubescence observed.

Lower Surface:

5 Color: Yellow-Green Group 144A.
Anthocyanic pigments the
color of Greyed-Purple Group
184A.

Texture: Smooth with medium stipitate
glands.

10 Sepal Shape: Sepal apex is cirrhose.
Base is flat at union with
receptacle.

Sepal Margin: Margins have strong medium
foliaceous appendages on
three of the five sepals.

15 Size: 21 mm long by 6 mm wide.

Receptacle:

Surface Texture: Smooth.

20 Shape: Urn-shaped.

Size: 6 mm (h) x 4 mm (w).

Color: Green Group 143C.

Anthocyanic pigments the
color of Greyed-Red Group
181B observed.

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Peduncle:

Surface: Stipitate glands fragrant
and smooth.

Length: 16 mm to 19 mm average
length.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144C.
Anthocyanic pigments the
color of Greyed-Orange Group
176A observed.

Strength: Somewhat strong.

Borne: In clusters of 19 flower buds per stem.

Flower bloom:

15 Fragrance: Light and floral.

Duration: The blooms have a duration on the
plant of approximately 7 to 10
days. Petals fall cleanly away
from plant after flowers have
fully matured.

Size: Flower diameter is 45 mm when
open. Flower depth is 20 mm on
average.

Form:

25 General: Open cup, double flower, with

petals that curve out from the
center.

Side view:

Upon opening, upper part: Flat.

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Upon opening, lower part: Convex.

Open flower, upper part: Flat.

Open flower, lower part: Convex.

Petalage: 30 petals on average under normal
10 conditions with 10 petaloids.

Color:

Upon opening, petals:

Outermost petals:

Outer side: Yellow-White Group 158C to
15 Yellow Group 12D.

Inner Side: Yellow-White Group 158C to
Yellow Group 12D.

Innermost petals:

Outer side: Yellow-Orange Group 16D.

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Inner Side: Yellow-Orange Group 16D.

Upon opening, basal petal spots:

Outermost petals:

Outer side: Yellow-Orange Group 16B.

Inner Side: Yellow-Orange Group 16A.

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Innermost petals:

Outer side: Yellow-Orange Group 16B.
Inner Side: Yellow-Orange Group 16B.

After opening, petals:
Outermost petals:
5 Outer side: Yellow-White Group 158C.
Inner Side: Yellow-White Group 158C.
Innermost petals:
Outer side: Yellow-White Group 158B.
Inner Side: Yellow-White Group 158B.

10 After opening, basal petal spots:
Outermost petals:
Outer Side: Yellow Group 12B.
Inner Side: Yellow Group 12B.
Innermost petals:
15 Outer Side: Yellow-White Group 158B.
Inner Side: Yellow-White Group 158B with
intonations of Yellow-Orange
16D.

20 General Tonality: On open flower Yellow Group
4D with intonations of
Yellow-Orange Group 16C. No
change in the general
tonality at the end of the
10th day. Afterwards,

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general tonality fades to
White Group 155B.

Petals:

5 Petal Reflex: None.
Margin: Entire with a point in the
center of the petal margin.
Shape: Apex is rounded. Base shape
varies from rounded to
acute.
10 Size: 18 mm (l) x 17 mm (w).
Texture: Smooth.
Thickness: Thin.
Arrangement: Not Formal.

Petaloids:

15 Quantity: 8 to 12.
Color:
Upper Surface: White Group 155B.
Lower Surface: White Group 155B.
Size: 12 mm (l) x 4 mm (w).
20 Shape: Irregular, elliptical. Apex
and base are acute.

Reproductive Organs:

25 Pollen: None observed.
Anthers:

Size: 1 mm in length.

Color: Yellow-Orange Group 23A.

Quantity: 41 (actual count).

Filaments:

5 Color: Yellow Group 9A.

Length: 4 mm.

Pistils:

Length: 4 mm.

Quantity: 27 (actual count).

10 Stigmas: Level relative to the length
of the filaments and the
height of the anthers.

Color: Yellow-Orange Group 23A.

Styles:

15 Color: Red Group 41A.

Hips: None Observed in the field
nursery in Jackson County
Oregon.

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PLANT

Plant growth: Moderately compact. When grown as a
budded field grown plant on *Rosa*
multiflora understock, the average
height of the plant is 60 to 100 cm.

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Average spread is 60 to 80 cm.

Stems:

Color:

Young wood: Greyed-Orange Group 176A.

5 Older wood: Yellow-Green Group 145A to
144B.

Surface Texture:

Young wood: Smooth.

Older wood: Smooth.

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Thorns:

Incidence: 1 to 2 thorns per 10 cm of
stem.

Size: Average length: 10 mm.

Color: Greyed-Orange Group 173C.

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Shape: Deeply concave.

Plant foliage: Normal number of leaflets on
normal leaves in middle of
the stem: 7 leaflets.

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Compound Leaf size: 80 mm (l) x 55 mm (w).

Color of Mature Foliage:

Upper surface is Green Group 137A.

Lower surface is Yellow-Green Group
147C.

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Color of Juvenile Foliage:

Upper surface is Yellow-Green Group

144A.

Lower surface is Yellow-Green Group

144B.

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Plant leaves and leaflets:

Stipules:

Size: 15 mm in length.

Shape: Linear, slightly broad based
10 with outward extending
apices.

Margins: Finely serrated with few
stipitate glands.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

15 Petiole:

Length: 20 mm.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144C.

Anthocyanin: None.

Underneath: Few stipitate glands and
20 thorns observed.

Rachis:

Length: 35 mm.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144C.

Anthocyanin: None.

25 Underneath: Few stipitate glands and

thorns observed.

Leaflet:

Edge: Serrated.

Size: 20 to 30 mm (l) x 15 to 21
5 mm (w).

Shape: Generally ovate. Apes is slightly cuspidate. Base is rounded.

Texture: Smooth.

10 Thickness: Thick.

Arrangement: Odd pinnate.

Venation: Reticulate.

Glossiness: Glossy.

15 **Disease resistance:**

Above average resistance to mildew, rust, black spot, and *Botrytis* under normal growing conditions in Jackson County, Oregon.

20 **Cold Hardiness:**

The variety 'Poultw003' has been found to be cold tolerant to USDA Cold Hardiness Zone 6.